

Cox Paul

From: John Ritchey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 2:00 PM
To: Cox Paul
Cc: Beth
Subject: Re: John Ritchey 6/29/14 falcon field peachtree city ga; NTSB Accident Number: ERA14LA316
Attachments: N957md Maintenance log entries.pdf

Paul,

See replies to your questions in red below. We've also attached all of the pages from the maintenance logs which had entries.

We appreciate your thorough review.

John Ritchey

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cox Paul <coxp@ntsb.gov>
Date: January 6, 2016 at 12:16:31 PM CST
To: Beth Ritchey <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: John Ritchey 6/29/14 falcon field peachtree city ga; NTSB Accident Number: ERA14LA316

Hello Mrs. Ritchey:

Just wanted to let you know that I was finally able to speak with Mr. McCallman twice and he passed along some very useful information about the partial loss of engine power. That said, I'm still looking for some more:

Would Jim Ritchey know the date of the flight when they had the partial loss of engine power?

We found a text string between John and Jim asking for the checklist on 2 Dec 2013, which we believe was the date of that flight.

The logbook entry you sent was for the airframe. Do you have an engine logbook, and if so, could I get copies of the entries back through 2012? If no engine logbook, are there work orders from the maintenance work done?

We have the maintenance log. All maintenance log entries are in attached pdf file.

Did your husband have any maintenance or instruction completed after the airplane got to Peachtree? If so, by whom?

Maintenance performed 5 May 2014 by Precision Aviation Services, 500 Aviation Way, Peachtree City, GA. John requested an oil change and support with errors from the EMS-D120:

Fuel pressure

Config error

AP:ERR-ERR in red

Low CHT error

Low EGT Alarm - right

Precision Aviation Services could not help him as they did not have Rotax 912 manuals, although they did repair a mic jack.

John turned to Danny Rexroad, Classic Aircraft Maintenance, in Newnan, [REDACTED]. Danny evaluated the aircraft and deemed it safe to fly to Newnan airport, in order to conduct a thorough maintenance review in his hanger. The accident occurred while John was attempting to fly to Newnan for the maintenance.

Does anyone in the family know if their father ever had any engine problems?

Don't know of any problems although we found what we think are fuel filter parts in a bag.

It's moving along slowly, but still moving....

Thanks,
Paul

From: Beth Ritchey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:18 AM
To: Cox Paul
Subject: Fwd: John Ritchey 6/29/14 falcon field peachtree city ga; NTSB Accident Number: ERA14LA316

Mr Cox -

John's father passed away in 2013 and his mother gave the plane to him. An annual was performed 11/20/2013 but no record of plugs. The maintenance logbook entry is below. John believes the plugs were cleaned during a maintenance session with George McCallman in early 2014 (Feb or Mar)

The plane did experience a partial loss of power on take off in early 2014. John's CFI, George McCallman, was the pilot on an orientation flight with Jim Ritchey, John's brother. George can be reached at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] John does not remember the preflight inspection but was always thorough in following the checklist. The plane was tied down outside and he remembers water in

the fuel on occasion, which he always removed.

Unfortunately, he does not remember anything from that day.

Below is maintenance logbook entry of annual inspection.

Thanks - Beth

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